

Friday, February 7, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1119–S1143

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 291, S. Con. Res. 6, and S. Res. 51. **Pages S1132–33**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, with the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S1119–25, S1126–30, S1140–43

Pending:

Durbin Amendment No. 2, to allow for the waiver of the article in the event of an economic recession or serious economic emergency with a majority in both houses of Congress.

Pages S1120–25, S1126–30, S1140–43

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Monday, February 10, 1997.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 2:14 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, February 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1140.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget. Hearings continue on Monday, February 10.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 10.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January and the consumer price index, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 10 through 14, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

During the week, Senate may also consider any legislative or executive items cleared for consideration.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 11 and 13, to hold hearings on proposals to reform the Commodity Exchange Act, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Armed Services: February 11, to hold a closed briefing on the situation in Bosnia and the status of U.S. military forces participating in the Stabilization Force (SFOR), 10 a.m., SR-222.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: February 10, to resume hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 2 p.m., SD-608.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to public investment, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 12, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on product liability reform issues, focusing on the success of the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-298), 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 12, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 12, to hold hearings on the ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

February 13, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and transportation trends, infrastructure funding requirements, and transportation's impact on the economy, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 11, to hold hearings on the final report of the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Administration's budget and revenue proposals for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Administration's budget for fiscal year 1998, focusing on Medicare, Medicaid and welfare proposals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 13, to hold hearings on the nomination of Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 12, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on the future of nuclear deterrence, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 11, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (P.L. 104-191), 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act (TEAM), 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 13, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to resume hearings to examine proposals to reform the Fair Labor Standards Act, focusing on S. 4, to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: February 11, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing biennial expenditures by standing, select, and special committees of the Senate, and to consider other pending legislative and administrative business, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: February 12, to hold hearings on the nomination of Aida Alvarez, of New York, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the President's budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 11, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business.

Tuesday, Legislative program to be announced. No recorded votes will be held before 5 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday, H.J. Res. 2, Proposing a Term Limits Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (subject to a rule); H.J. Res. 36, Approving the Presidential Finding Regarding the Population Planning Program; and H.R. 581, Providing that the President May Make Funds Appropriated for Population Planning Available March 1, 1997 Subject to Restrictions on Assistance to Foreign Organizations that Perform or Actively Promote Abortions (subject to a rule).

Friday, The House will not be in session.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., on Health Care Financing Administration and on the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Legislative, on the CBO, the U.S. Capitol Police and the Office of Compliance, 9:30 a.m., and on the Joint Committee on Printing and the GPO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General Overview, 12:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Office of the Inspector General, 10 a.m., and on the Health Resources and Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee and the Library of Congress, 9:30 a.m., on the architect of the Capitol/Botanic Garden; GAO, Members of Congress; and public witnesses, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., and on Administration for Children and Families and the Administration on Aging, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Legislative, on the Joint Committee on Taxation, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, briefing on World-Wide Intelligence, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 11 and 13, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearings on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 11, hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 13, hearing on CBO Budget Outlook and Analysis of the Administration's Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, February 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing and mark up of the Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1997, 4:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, oversight hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, on Spectrum Management Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 11, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and

Life-Long Learning, hearing on Reform of the Major Federal Job Training Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Defusing the Retirement Timebomb: Encouraging Pension Savings, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 13, to mark up the committee oversight plan for the 105th Congress and to consider other pending committee business, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 11, hearing on GAO Findings on Superfund Clean-Up, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 12, hearing on the "Government Performance and Results Act: Sensible Government for the Next Century," 10 a.m., and to hold an organizational meeting, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget: Civil Service Impacts, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of the GAO's High-Risk Series," 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 13, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on the Need for Better Focus in the Rural Health Clinic Program, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "U.S. Counternarcotics Assistance to Columbia", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, February 11, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, February 11, to consider an oversight plan for the 105th Congress, 9:45 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Administration's International Affairs Budget Request for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 11, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding Title III of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the FBI investigation into the Khobar Towers bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and on Foreign FBI Investigations, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, February 11, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status of the investigation into Persian Gulf War illnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 12, full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 1998 national defense authorization request, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 13, full Committee, hearing on threats to U.S. National Security, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: February 11, to consider the following: H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives; H.R. 581, Family Planning Facilitation and Abortion Funding Restriction Act of 1997;

adopting oversight plan for the 105th Congress; and other Committee business, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 11, Subcommittee on Technology, briefing on Secure Communications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 12, full Committee, hearing on the Status of Russian Participation in the International Space Program, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 13, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 12, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act (STEP 21) Transportation Empowerment Act (Devolution) ISTEA Works, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on Airlines' Proposals to Establish User Fees for FAA Services, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 11, hearing to review the findings and recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

February 13, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget; 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 11, hearing on the President's fiscal year 1998 Budget 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 12, to continue hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Budget, 9:30 a.m., and to mark up a measure to reinstate temporarily the Airport and Airway Trust Fund Tax, and to restore permanently Trust Fund transfer authority, 1100 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare provisions in the Administration's budget, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Human Resource provisions of the fiscal year 1998 Administration's budget, 11 a.m. B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 10, to hold hearings on the 1997 Economic Report of the President, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn Building.

Joint Hearing: February 11, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.